

YEARS-END POTLUCK...

The finale of our meeting year will be a potluck dinner on Monday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. (note earlier time) in the recreation building in the Troutdale City Park. This is the last regular meeting of the year though we will all convene again on Sunday afternoon, June 10, for our annual ice cream social in the city park.

The potluck rules are easy. A main dish will be provided along with a donation can to help defray the meat bill, if you so desire. Coffee and punch will be on hand and trays and silverware are available though you may bring your own table settings if you wish.

Dinner music will be provided by Ken Santee and his collection of antique record players. Verden Worthington is perfecting his technique on a parlor trick he used to perform with an egg and a milk bottle in the days before television when people needed to be amused and amazed. And our after-dinner speaker will be new member John Nesmith with a few tales to tell about growing up in Troutdale.

NEXT ON THE AGENDA...

Ice cream social time is here! The date is Sunday, June 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. We will need flowers to decorate tables, cakes to sell for those who want ice cream and cake both, items for the country store (white elephants, plants, baked goods, hand crafts, etc.) and helpers. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Monday night meeting. Needed are museum hosts, servers, etc.

Our special exhibit this year will be old-fashioned flowers so bring whatever you have in bloom at the time, along with a name card to identify it. Time permitting, we hope to ready a display of clothing and would appreciate help from anyone who can volunteer to launder and press some of the items.

MUSEUM GIFTS...

A large number of items have come to us from the estate of Laura Imthurn. In addition the city of Troutdale has given us the old town seal. If you are concerned because you haven't seen a recent donation placed in the museum, remember that we are reluctant to set up any new displays because the purchase of the Harlow-Evans house will mean a move for us.

A NEW TWIST...

This month we are initiating a new idea for Historical Society members. With your newsletter you will find a one-page history of the Cedar School. The history was prepared for a recent open house at the school which has been converted to an art studio by Tim and Gail O'Neill.

It occurred to us that the wealth of material in our Society files should be shared with members so we hope from time to time to send out other stories about Troutdale and the vicinity along with our newsletters.

Just remember...the history is not engraved on stone. If you find errors in it please let us know so we can correct them. We aim to collect an accurate account of Troutdale's past and much depends on your letting us know.

ANOTHER TOUR...

Troutdale elementary school third-graders are studying local history and will go on a walking tour of the city Thursday, May 31, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the school. They will visit the site of the Great Pool Hall Robbery on Columbia Street, City Hall, the Depot and the Museum. Many will be accompanied by mothers who have expressed an interest in learning more about Troutdale.

If you would like to join us please meet us at the school.

ANOTHER GIFT...

Morrie McGinnis called last month to donate an old Portland park bench he's been hanging on to for years. It should look fine on the porch of the Harlow-Evans house...bolted down of course.